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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Wei LIU et al. ) : Examiner: Sheridan Swope  
Application No.: 10/808,522 ) : Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: March 25, 2004 ) : Confirmation No. 6560  
For: NOVEL BRAIN-LOCALIZED ) : Customer No. 45743  
PROTEIN KINASES HOMOLOGOUS :  
TO HOMEODOMAIN-INTERACTING )  
PROTEIN KINASES : December 22, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006 for two (2) months from October 28, 2006 to December 28, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 450.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

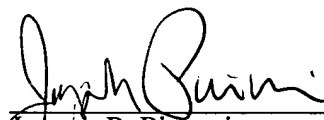
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Pieroni", is written over a horizontal line.

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